

Meeting Notes

Redmond Library Board

May 2006

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Information

Date: May 3, 2006
Time: 7:00 – 8:00pm
Location: Redmond Library Conference Room
Attendees: Gerard Schaefer, Chairperson & Board Member
Doris Townsend, Board Member
Lorin Catudio, Board Member
Jaime Weber, Board Member
Christine Livingston, KCLS Librarian

Friends' Day

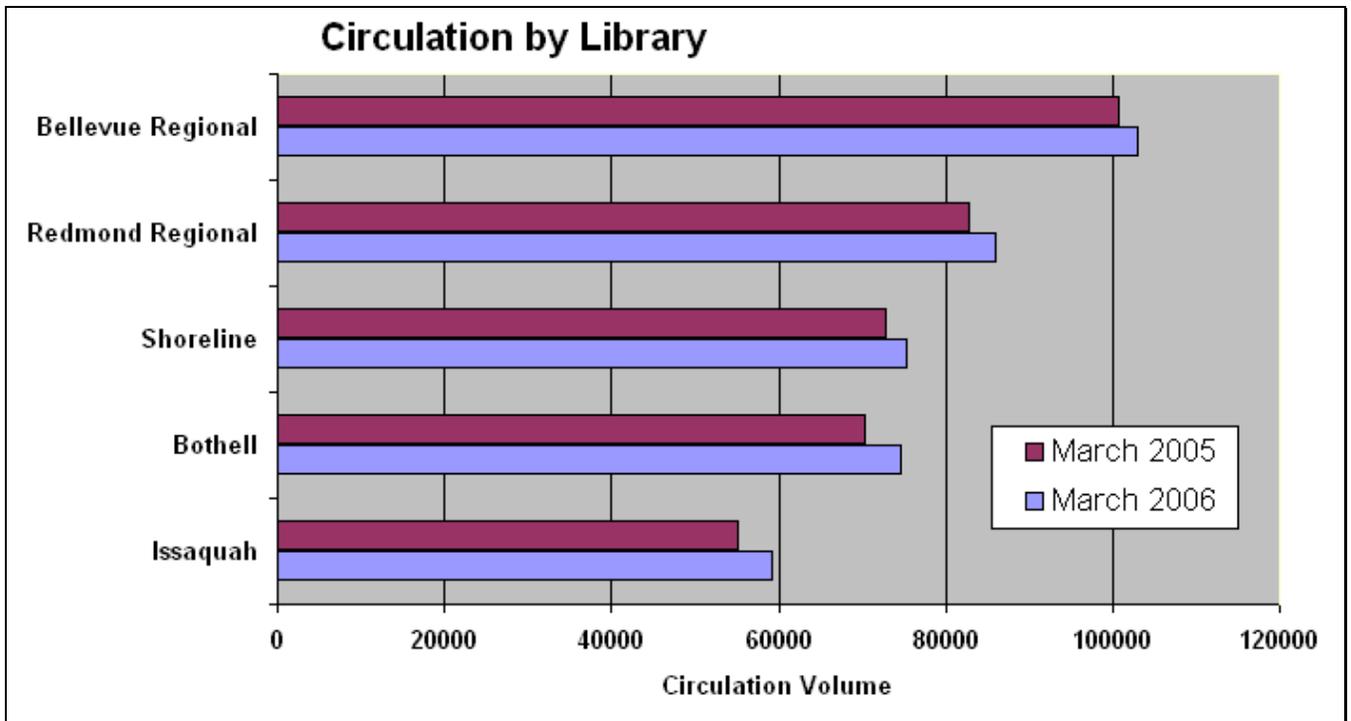
Doris Townsend, board member, was honored as the Friend of the Year by the KCLS Foundation. She received a lovely award and was singled out by Jeanne Thorsen (Executive Director) for her remarkable work on various bond issues, including the capital facilities bond, which built the Redmond Library. It was a proud day for the Friends of the Redmond Library. Congratulations to Doris!

Clustering

The clustering concept is working well for the Redmond/Kirkland/Kingsgate library cluster. You may have already seen some new faces at both the reference and circulation desks. KCLS continues to adjust the clustering plan and staff continues to be reassigned. Karen DeBlauw has moved to the Shoreline/Richmond Beach cluster to become a children's librarian. David Dawson, the assistant manager at Issaquah, has been reassigned to the Redmond cluster to become a reference librarian.

Circulation Statistics

The Redmond Library continues to maintain a high circulation volume relative to other KCLS libraries. The Redmond Library's volume is exceeded by only the Bellevue Regional Library, despite being significantly smaller (30,000 sq ft vs. 80,000 sq ft). The top 5 libraries by circulation are:



Other Statistics

People Counter

Month	Total	Daily Average
March	43,185	697
April	40,540	675

The people counter is triggered by a person entering or exiting the library. In general, divide the total by 2 to get a rough approximation of the number of library patrons. Sundays continue to be the busiest day of the week.

Meeting Room Use

Month	Meetings
March	343
April	437

Volunteers

Month	Persons	Hours
March	37	256
April	41	240

Automated Self Check-In System

The self check-in system is scheduled to be installed in the Redmond library at the end of summer. The same system is scheduled to be installed in Bellevue and Federal Way regional libraries within the next several months, which should help identify any operational issues before the Redmond installation. When the system is fully operational, it will reduce the amount of staff time involved in sorting returned materials. Library patrons should benefit as well, since libraries materials placed in the self check-in book drop will be automatically checked in.



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Parking Update

The old Redmond Library building has been torn down and been replaced with a new parking area that connects with the library's existing parking area. These 70+ additional parking spaces make it much easier for library visitors to find parking.



Expanded parking between the library and the new city hall.

Library Night

The Redmond Library sponsors "Library Night", a literacy program for Rose Hill Elementary students and their families. The program is funded by a grant from the Friends of the Library, and run by teachers from the school.

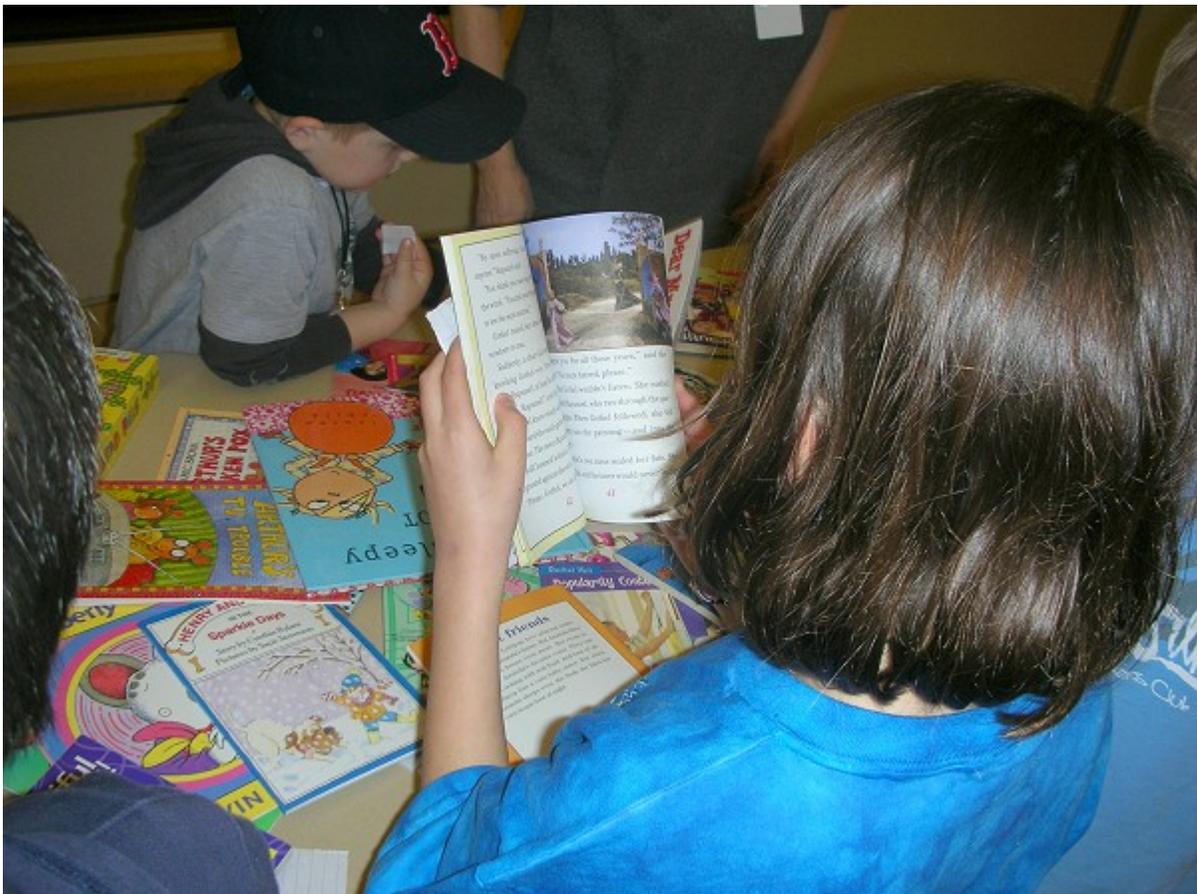
There are five Library Night sessions this school year, with the last one scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd. At the last session, there were over 40 students and their families. In fact, students are encouraged to bring their siblings. Tasty snacks add to the festive atmosphere of the sessions. Ellen Bleeker, one of the teachers involved in the program, has been gratified by the turnout, "I've never worked with kids who are so appreciative."

One of the most encouraging outcomes of this program is the fact that many students leave with library cards and checked-out books. In addition, the parents of the students are able to learn about various library programs and classes, since many of the library's brochures are in other languages.

Students are typically from four Rose Hill Elementary programs:

- Scholar's Club – a homework help group
- English Language Learning
- Safety Net – a support group for students that need extra help in anything
- Special Education

One of the highlights of the evening's activities is the opportunity for each student to take a book home. For many students, these books are prized possessions. These new books are purchased using the Friends of the Library grant, and are bought in bulk at reduced prices from Scholastic Books. The teachers carefully select the books, and frequently choose books that have won the Newberry Medal, an award given by the American Library Association to children's literature.

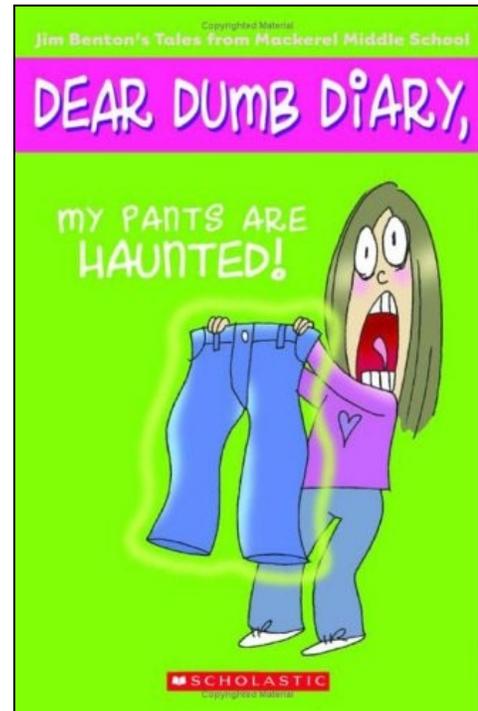


Students browse through books, looking for the one they get to keep.

Favorite Books

So what are some of the favorite books of the students?

- Diana likes "My Pants are Haunted!"
- Alicia just says "more Harry Potter!"
- Nathaly likes "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus"



The Teachers

Staffing for Library Night is by several Rose Hill Elementary teachers:

- Ellen Bleeker – Safety Net
- Renee Coppel – Special Education
- Pamela Corpman – ELL
- Jennifer Livingston – Safety Net
- Georgia Raff –Special Education



Left to right: Renee Coppel, Jennifer Livingston, Pamela Corpman, Ellen Bleeker, and Georgia Raff